# Placer County Probation Department

2018-19 BUSINESS SUMMARY



#### **Executive Statement**

The Placer County Probation Department's 2020 Business Summary is a brief overview of some of the many services the department provides the residents of Placer County while carrying out its public safety mission. We hope this summary reflects the department's vision and mission to effect positive change in our adult and juvenile probationers. To provide the best context for the information, we are including data from calendar years 2018-2019 to aid the illustration of any trends.

Through safe and secure detention, alternatives to incarceration, and the continued use of effective, evidence-based probation practices, we afford adult and juvenile probationers the opportunity to restore victims, examine their actions, and make changes in their behavior to reduce the likelihood of re-offense.

The department continues to implement evidence-based best practices throughout its operations, most recently evidenced through the Placer Re-Entry Program (PREP) expansion of services to individuals on probation in the Tahoe Basin, which would not be possible without the dedication of probation staff and the Sacramento County Office of Education who we've partnered with to provide these services.

Since October 1, 2011, Probation has been mandated to supervise a population of adult clients because of State Realignment. Recent and upcoming reform will continue to have significant impacts on both juvenile and adult community corrections. The department continues to examine core components (or Programs) of our system to more effectively quantify measurements of our mission's critical functions.

Probation's 147 employees are essential to carrying out the department's mission and vision. Our commitment to public safety and to providing probationers the opportunity and tools to change their behavior remains our department's focus. As we face the challenges and demands of the coming year, the Probation Department will continue to implement efficiencies to promote client rehabilitation and public safety throughout Placer County.

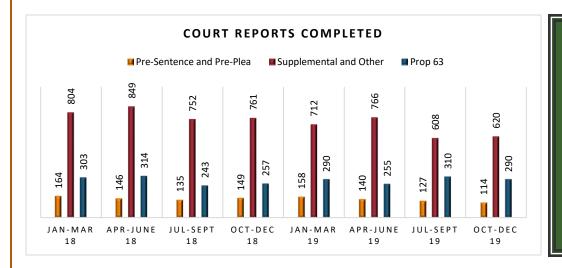
We will continue to implement and enhance effective solutions to the challenges and demands we face with the ongoing support of the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Office, and our many collaborative partners including the county departments in the criminal justice system, community stakeholders, and our dedicated and committed workforce.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Probation Department is to promote the safety of the citizens of Placer County by conducting investigations for the court, enforcing court orders, ensuring victim's rights, engaging in crime prevention partnerships, and facilitating the re-socialization of clients through the use of evidence-based supervision and best practices.

#### **Court Services**

The selection of an appropriate sentence is one of the most important decisions made in the criminal justice system. Court services supports judicial officers in making sentencing decisions and assists community corrections officials in supervising clients. Court Services are State Mandated and consist of Probation Officers preparing written reports for the Court by conducting a factual and thorough investigation into a client's behavior, history, assets, impact on victims, mitigating and aggravating circumstances, assessing future risk, and identifying needs to reduce reoffending behavior. Additionally, these reports provide judicial officers with reasoned sentencing options which conform to statutory and Case Law requirements. Reports include the terms and conditions of probation, if eligible, to promote accountability and community safety, and rehabilitation for the client utilizing evidence-based programming. Through the Court process, Probation works to ensure victims' rights and establish victim restitution.

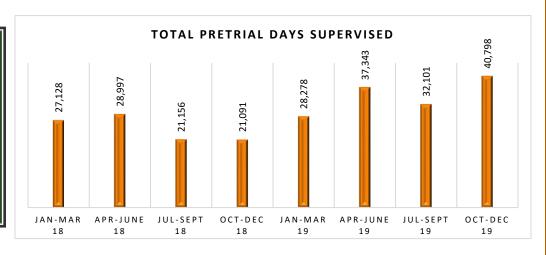


THE COURT UNIT
COMPLETES OVER 600
REPORTS PER QUARTER.THE
COURT UNIT ALSO
COMPLETES ALL PROP 63
FIREARMS RELINQUISHMENT
DOCUMENTS, ADDING
NEARLY 300 MANDATED
REPORTS PER QUARTER TO
THE UNIT'S WORKLOAD
SINCE 2018.

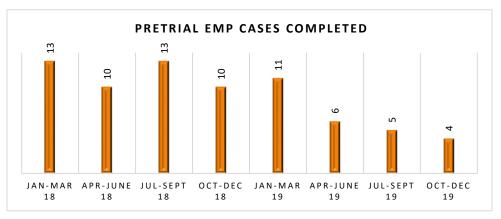
#### **Pretrial Services**

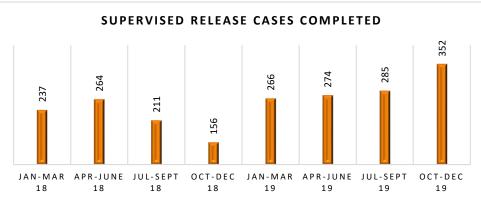
Pretrial Services assists the Superior Court and provides community supervision to defendants pending legal proceedings. Although not State Mandated, Pretrial Services performs multiple functions which are critical to the effective operation of our local criminal justice system by assisting the court in making prompt, fair, and effective release/detention decisions by utilizing a risk assessment which is designed to be predictive of an individual's failure to appear in court and potential for re-arrest while on pretrial status. Specific service modes include Supervised Release and Home Confinement with Electronic (GPS) Monitoring. Probation Officers enforce the terms and conditions of release which may include: making court appearances, abstaining from the use of alcohol and drugs, search and seizure, and stay away orders from victims.

IN ADDITION TO
SUPERVISION SERVICES,
EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO
CONNECT PRETRIAL CLIENTS
TO TREATMENT AND
EDUCATION SERVICES,
WHERE APPROPRIATE.



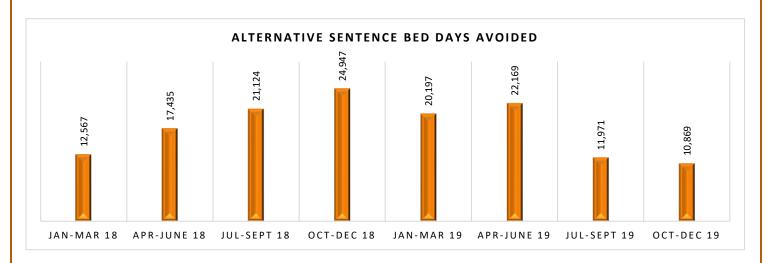
PRETRIAL SERVICES ALLOW CLIENTS TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY BASED ON ASSESSED RISK, MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING WHILE ENGAGED IN THE COURT PROCESS. ON AVERAGE, THERE ARE OVER 300 CLIENTS ON SUPERVISED RELEASE AND AN AVERAGE OF 256 CLIENTS COMPLETE SUPERVISED RELEASE EACH QUARTER. ON AVERAGE THERE ARE 5 CLIENTS ON PRETRIAL ELECTRONIC MONITORING, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 9 CLIENTS COMPLETING EACH QUARTER. EMP IS AN IMPORTANT SUPERVISION TOOL. CONTRIBUTING TO THE OVER 236,000 TOTAL PRETRIAL DAYS SUPERVISED SINCE JANUARY 2018.

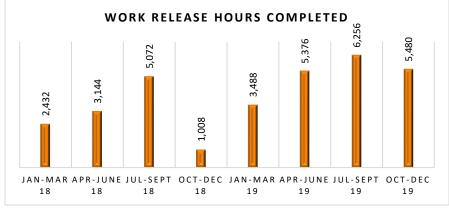




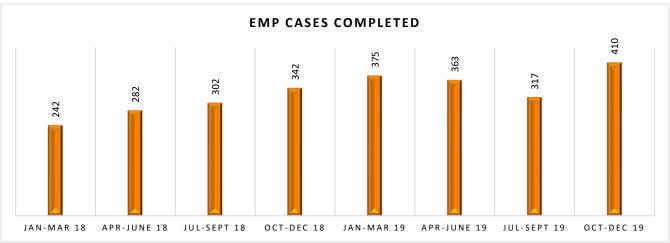
## **Alternative Sentencing**

Alternative Sentencing services are non-mandated services that create and maintain community based alternatives to incarceration. Programs are designed to hold clients accountable while promoting public safety in the community. Clients complete their Court ordered sentence under direct supervision of a Probation Officer while maintaining family structure, retaining employment and housing, obtaining rehabilitative services, and continuing positive ties to the community. Specific service modes for post-conviction participants include: Electronic (GPS) Monitoring, Work Release, and Drug Court. Probation Officers enforce program conditions that may include: abstaining from the use of drugs and alcohol, search and seizure, stay away orders from victims, monitoring and tracking community worksites, and engaging in counseling and rehabilitative treatment programs.





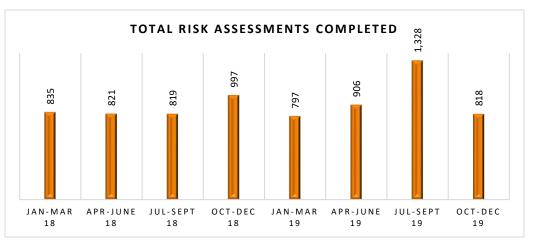
RECENTLY, THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERALL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF EMP CASES COMPLETED AND WORK RELEASE HOURS COMPLETED, BUT FEWER BED DAYS AVOIDED. THIS REDUCTION IS REFLECTIVE OF THE APPROPRIATE CLIENTS ENROLLING IN AND COMPLETING THEIR PROGRAMS IN A SHORTER AMOUNT OF TIME, CREATING EFFICIENCIES FOR THE COURT AS CLIENTS COMPLETE THEIR SENTENCES.



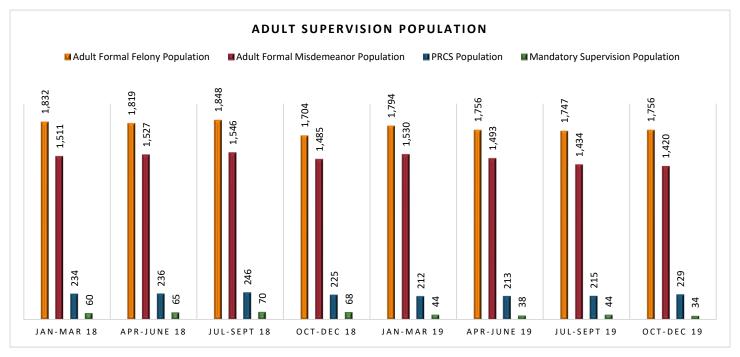
#### **Community Supervision Services**

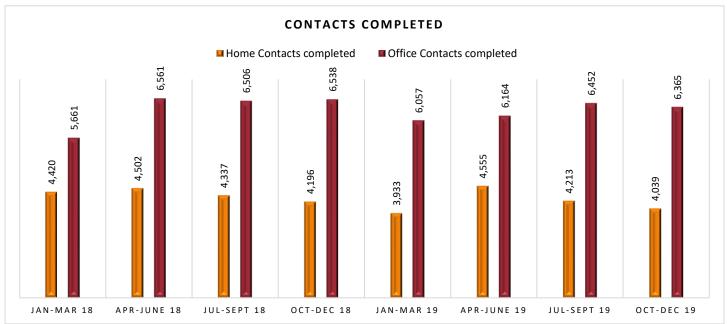
State Mandated Community Supervision provides structure and accountability for clients released back into our community after being granted formal probation or release under Parole Realignment (Post Release Community Supervision/Mandatory Supervision-1170(h)PC). Probation Officers promote public safety by supervising clients in the community and ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of release. Officers also complete risk and needs assessments and develop collaborative case plans based on these assessments. Officers use evidence-based supervision and treatment practices to include linking clients to our community based treatment organizations and the Placer Re-Entry Program (PREP) to improve the likelihood of successful transition of clients back into our communities.

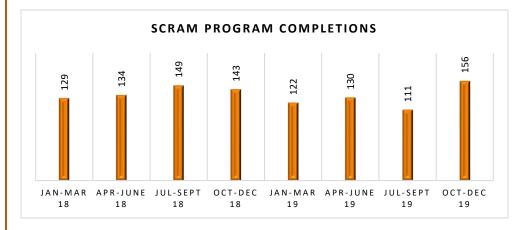
THE UTILIZATION OF AN
EVIDENCE-BASED RISK/NEEDS
ASSESSMENT ASSISTS IN
SUPERVISING CLIENTS WITH
ACCOUNTABILITY. IT ALSO
HELPS DIRECT CLIENTS
TOWARD NEEDED SERVICES ON
AN INDIVIDUALIZED BASIS, AND
AIDES THEIR RETURN TO THE
COMMUNITY AS SUCCESSFUL
CITIZENS.



Specific service modes for clients under Community Supervision include: risk-based supervision, ACTion Team, DUI, Domestic Violence, Homeless, and Sex Offender caseloads. Clients identified to pose the greatest risk to public safety are placed on a specialized joint task force caseload (Special Investigations and Crime Suppression Units) comprised of multiple local law enforcement agencies. Additionally, our officers work collaboratively with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies conducting operations to suppress gang, narcotic, DUI, violent, and sex client/trafficking criminal conduct. They also track down and arrest absconded clients, holding them accountable and bringing them back before the justice system. Probation Officers enforce court orders through office contacts, random unannounced home visits, drug and alcohol testing, tracking and monitoring, evidence based programming, DUI terms, Sex Offender terms, Elder Abuse terms, Domestic Violence terms, weapon prohibitions, stay away orders for victims, and the collection of victim restitution.

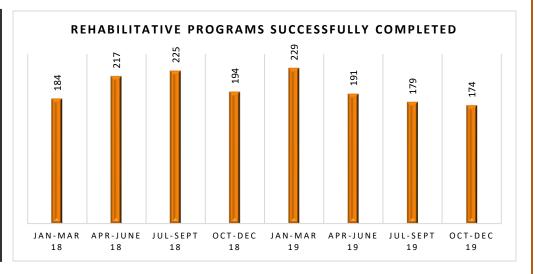


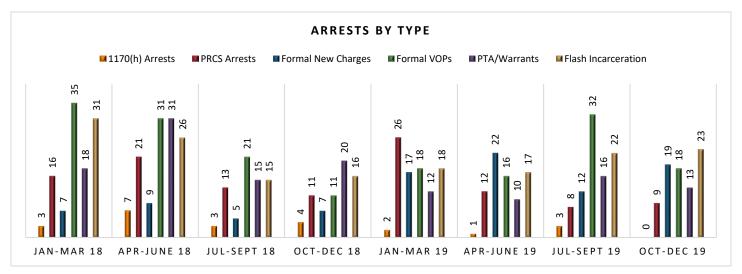




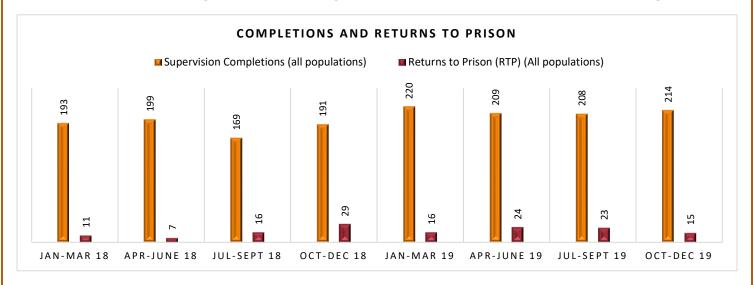
SCRAM ALCOHOL MONITORING
PROGRAM IS A HIGHLY UTILIZED
TOOL BY BOTH THE COURT AND
SUPERVISION OFFICERS. SCRAM
ASSISTS CLIENTS IN
MAINTAINING THEIR TERMS OF
SUPERVISION, INCLUDING
ALCOHOL ABSTINENCE. ON
AVERAGE, THERE ARE 189
CLIENTS ENROLLED IN SCRAM.

THE SUCCESSFUL
REHABILITATION OF CLIENTS
IS CRUCIAL TO RESUMING
PROSOCIAL ACTIVITY IN THE
COMMUNITY. THERE IS AN
AVERAGE OF 650 CLIENTS
ENROLLED IN COUNSELING
AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS
AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND
NEARLY 200 SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETIONS EACH
QUARTER.





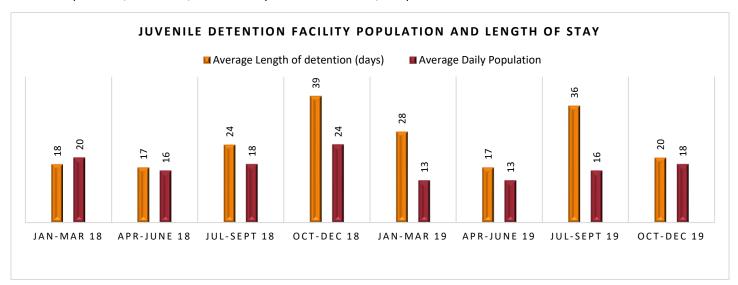
ACCOUNTABILITY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF SUCCESSFUL SUPERVISION. PROBATION OFFICERS USE A VARIETY OF SANCTIONS FOR CLIENTS WHO VIOLATE THEIR TERMS OF PROBATION, INCLUDING ARREST.

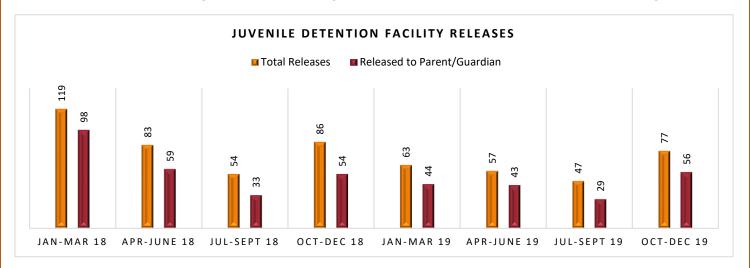


AN AVERAGE OF 200 CLIENTS COMPLETE PROBATION EACH QUARTER. OF THOSE, ON AVERAGE, FEWER THAN 10% OF CASES ARE REVOKED AND SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR NEW FELONY OFFENSES.

#### **Juvenile Detention and Treatment Services**

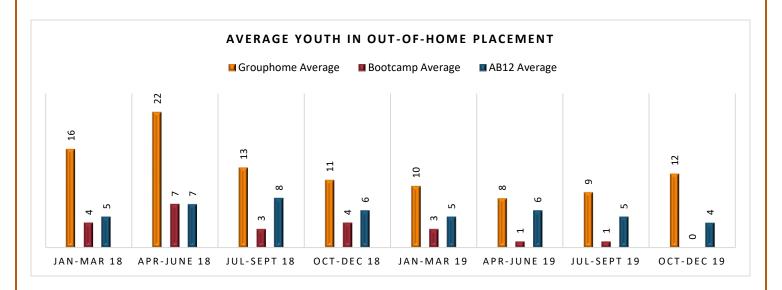
The 78 bed Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) is a State Mandated, 24-hour, secure detention facility housing male and female youth for their safety and public safety, who are pending court, sentenced, or awaiting placement. The facility also houses youth who have been charged as adults. Programming within the facility includes education, health, mental health, social awareness, and special programs. Programming is designed to enhance safety and security while providing youth opportunities and direction to change their behavior in order to promote successful transition back into the community and reunification with their families. These programs are taught by contracted providers, volunteers, Placer County Office of Education, and probation staff.





ON AVERAGE, 70% OF THE YOUTH RELEASED FROM THE JDF RETURN HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES. YOUTH MAY ALSO BE RELEASED TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR TO PLACEMENT FOR TREATMENT AS ORDERED BY THE COURT.

Youth may be placed out of their home by the Superior Court into a group home or boot camp for supervision, behavior modification, and treatment. Probation Officers are mandated by Federal and State government regulation to have in-person contact with youth monthly. These costly out of home placements are a last resort and are often avoided by the array of interventions employed by the Probation Department and partner agencies. Additionally, probation supervises youth that fall under AB12; this federal legislation grants foster care services to youth over age 18 to promote positive transition back into communities as successful adults.



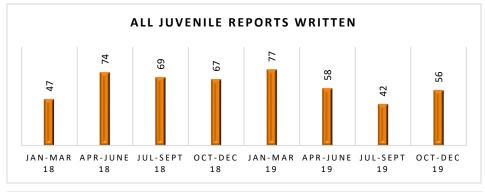
#### **Delinquency/Crime Prevention Services**

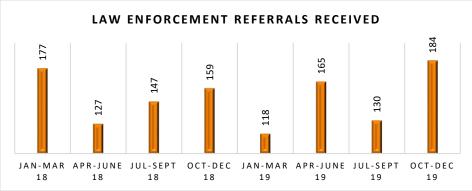
Delinquency/Crime Prevention Services include non-mandated diversion services that target youth who are beyond parental control or are otherwise at risk of delinquency. Diversion Programs include: Citation and Traffic Hearings; Evidence Based Programs; the Placer County Sheriff's Activities League; the Roseville Police Activities League; the Folsom Prison Program; the Youth Resource Fair; School Attendance Mediation; Informal Probation to ensure victim restitution or Community Service is completed; and the Crisis Resolution Center. Additionally, the Juvenile Division provides access to structured community resources that assist youth and family members to build and utilize their own family resources and better equip them to become independent of the Juvenile Justice or Child Welfare Systems.



## Court/Pre-Adjudication Services

Court Services are State Mandated and consist of Probation Officers preparing written reports with information on a youth's family, educational background, any prior probation history, previous arrest history, and other relevant information. These investigations and reports assist Superior Court Judges in making informed dispositional decisions. This report includes the Probation Officers' dispositional recommendations, including the terms and conditions of probation, to provide rehabilitation for the youth utilizing evidence-based programming and accountability to insure community safety. Through the Court process, Probation works to ensure victim rights and establish victim restitution. The Probation Officers also complete an evidence-based risk and needs assessment on each youth, designed to create and implement case plans focused on addressing the youth's identified behavioral indicators in addition to social and educational needs. Alternative disposition pre-adjudication supervision services allow youth to be placed on any of several different programs in lieu of, or in addition to, confinement. These options include: home supervision and electronic (GPS and/or alcohol) monitoring. Alternatives to confinement may be employed while awaiting further Court hearings or as a tool to hold youth accountable while encouraging the development needed to support success.



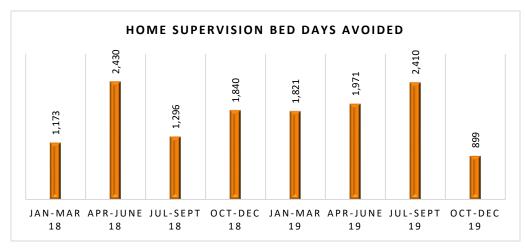


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COURT UNIT EACH QUARTER.

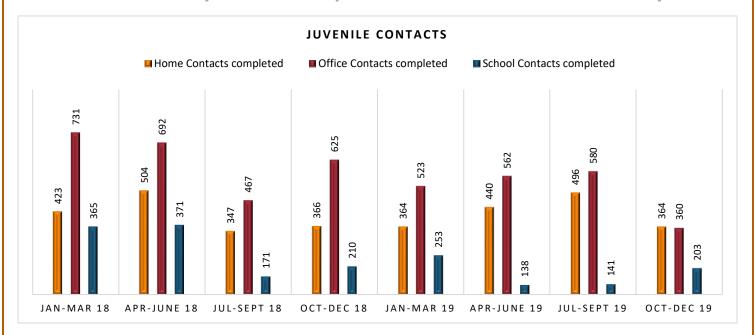
THE JUVENILE UNIT RECEIVES
ABOUT 600 NEW JUVENILE
REFERRALS EVERY YEAR. MANY
OF THESE REFERRALS RESULT IN
CITATION HEARINGS AND MOST
YOUTH ARE DIVERTED FROM
THE SYSTEM INTO COMMUNITY
SERVICE OR OTHER DIVERSION
PROGRAMS. OTHERS ENTER THE
JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM, AS
NECESSARY.

#### **Juvenile Supervision Services**

Juvenile Supervision is a State Mandated service; Probation Officers assigned to Supervision Services monitor youth placed on probation supervision in the community. Youth who have been placed on probation supervision receive a risk and needs assessment to determine the type and level of service needed and are then supervised based on their individualized case plan. Probation Officers promote public safety by supervising youth in the community and ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of probation which may include: enforcing curfews, school attendance, substance abuse counseling, drug and alcohol testing, gang conditions, stay away orders for victims, and the collection of victim restitution. Officers use evidence-based supervision and treatment practices, including safety and behavioral plans, to improve the likelihood of successful transition of youth back into our communities. Supervision Services maintain risk-based supervision caseloads, including Wraparound Services, and Juvenile & Family Treatment Court (formally known as Juvenile Drug Court) in lieu of out of home placement.



AN AVERAGE OF 27
YOUTH ARE SUPERVISED
VIA JUVENILE EMP/HOME
SUPERVISION PROGRAM
AT ANY GIVEN TIME,
RESULTING IN OVER 1,000
JDF IN-CUSTODY BED
DAYS AVOIDED PER
QUARTER.



APPROXIMATELY 1,000 CONTACTS ARE COMPLETED BY THE JUVENILE UNIT EACH QUARTER, ENSURING YOUTH ARE SUPERVISED SYSTEMATICALLY, HELD ACCOUNTABLE, AND COMPLETE THEIR TERMS OF PROBATION USING RISK ASSESSMENTS, CASE PLANS, AND EVIDENCE-BASED SUPERVISION PRACTICES.